STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2006 No. 3

The Food Hygiene Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

"the Agency" means the Food Standards Agency;

"authorised officer", in relation to an enforcement authority, means any person (whether or not an officer of the authority) who is authorised by them in writing, either generally or specially, to act in matters arising under the Hygiene Regulations;

"the Community Regulations" means Regulation 852/2004, Regulation 853/2004, Regulation 854/2004, Regulation 2073/2005 and Regulation 2075/2005;

"Directive 2004/41", "Regulation 178/2002", "Regulation 1642/2003", "Regulation 852/2004", "Regulation 853/2004", "Regulation 854/2004", "Regulation 882/2004", "Regulation 1688/2005", "Regulation 2073/2005", "Regulation 2074/2005", "Regulation 2075/2005" and "Regulation 2076/2005" have the meanings respectively given to them in Schedule 1;

"the Department" means the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety;

"enforcement authority" means the authority which, by virtue of regulation 5, is responsible for executing and enforcing the Hygiene Regulations;

"the Hygiene Regulations" means these Regulations and the Community Regulations;

"the Order" means the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(1);

"premises" includes any establishment, any place, vehicle, stall or moveable structure and any ship or aircraft; and

"specified Community provision" means any provision of the Community Regulations that is specified in Column 1 of Schedule 2 and whose subject-matter is described in Column 2 of that Schedule.

- (2) Subject to paragraph (3), any expression other than one defined in paragraph (1) that is used both in these Regulations and in the Order has the meaning it bears in the Order.
- (3) Unless the context otherwise requires, any expression used both in these Regulations and in Regulation 178/2002 or the Community Regulations has the meaning it bears in Regulation 178/2002 or the Community Regulations, as the case may be.
- (4) Where, apart from this paragraph, any period of less than seven days which is specified in these Regulations would include any day which is—

⁽¹⁾ S.I. 1991/762 (N.I.7) as amended by S.I.1996/1633 (N.I. 12) and paragraphs 26 to 42 of Schedule 5 and Schedule 6 to the Food Standards Act 1999 c. 28, paragraph 2 of Article 2 (regarding the definition of "food") was substituted by S.R. 2004 No. 482

- (a) a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day or Good Friday; or
- (b) a day which is a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971(2), that shall be excluded from the period.
- (5) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(3) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

^{(2) 1971} c. 80

^{(3) 1954} c. 33 (N.I.)